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CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA -- THE FUEL CITY OF THE FUEL STATE -- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1904.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER IS MADE

QUIET TOWN OF BRIDGEPORT ALL
STIRRED UP OVER SHOOTING IN-
CIDENT.

ANDY REED TAKES ONE SHOT AT
A. C. MASON BUT BULLET WENT
WILD.

Mason Defied Him to Shoot Again In-
stead of Running But Reed Concluded
He Had Come Far Enough--Trouble
Dies Down and All is Quiet Again.

The quiet town of Bridgeport was
beyond the tenor of its way Thursday
afternoon. The fact is there was a lot
of excitement over the fact that an at-
tempt at murder occurred shortly after
the noon hour.

The participants in the shooting affray
were A. C. Mason and Andy Reed. It
appears that Reed claimed Mason had
made an insulting remark to Reed's sis-
ter, and it was this that led up to the
affair. They met and quarreled. Reed
pulled out a gun and fired it at Mason,
but the ball went wild and Mason was
saved.

Reed was told to shoot again, if he
wished, but he had changed his mind by
that time and the prospect of murder
was off for the time being at least.

The incident caused much excitement
and it was feared something terrible
might occur before the day was over,
but all is quiet now and the trouble has
probably blown over altogether.

SUBMARINE TUNNEL

Connecting Boston and East Boston Is
Opened Up to the Public--Only
One of Kind in World.

By Associated Press.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30--The sub-
marine tunnel connecting Boston and
East Boston was opened to the public
today. It is double tracked 14 miles
long, twenty-seven hundred feet of
which is under a harbor of waters. It
is lined entirely with concrete, and is
the only tunnel of the kind in the world.
The width is 23 feet 8 inches. The
average height is twenty feet six inches.
It is absolutely fireproof and practi-
cally safe against leakage.

IMPOSTOR IS ARRESTED

Frank Albright, a Private in Recruiting
Service, Impersonated An Officer
and Got Money.

By Associated Press.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30--Frank T.
Albright, a private in the recruiting ser-
vice at Parkersburg, W. Va., was
brought to Columbus barracks today
charged with impersonating an officer
and obtaining money under false pre-
tenses. It is said he wore shoulder
straps and called himself an officer and
obtained money by representing he was
an officer of the United States army.

Dr. Gregg Quite Sick.
The many friends of Dr. John Gregg
are sorry to learn that he is quite ill
at his home in Broad Oaks with a com-
plication of diseases. He is not bed-
fast but is confined to his home. It
is hoped he will soon be well again.

COAL FLEET IS MOVING

Three Million Bushels of Coal Are Float-
ing From Kanawha Field to Cin-
cinnati--River Stage is Safe.

By Associated Press.
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 30--Two fore-
most of the Kanawha coal fleet passed
down the river this morning. Ten boats
with 175 barges, nearly three million
bushels of coal, are coming from the
Kanawha river, almost all for Cin-
cinnati. The J. W. O'Neil left here today
with a big tow of empties. The stag-
ing of the river will carry all in safety.

Will Take Extended Trip.
A. A. Crawford, the genial bartender
at the Model Liquor store, will leave
Sunday on an extensive southwestern
trip. He will go to Canton, Miss., then
to Memphis and then to Hot Spring.
He will be gone five weeks.

BRILLIANT SOCIAL BALL

Second Assembly Dance Was Most Suc-
cessful in Recent History
of the City.

The second assembly ball of the year
was held in the Waldo hotel Thursday
night. It was the most brilliant within
the recent history of Clarksborg society
and was highly fashionable.

One of the most entertaining and de-
lightful dances programs within the so-
ciety's realm was observed with charm
and grace, and every participant pro-
nounced the event the most enjoyable
they had ever taken part in.

There were fully one hundred guests,
all of the elite, and no more repre-
sentative assemblage of young society peo-
ple is recorded in the city's history.

The various numbers were indulged in
with an eagerness that displayed a high
degree of delight and there was abun-
dant evidence of keenest pleasure by
all who so beautifully tripped the light fan-
tastic.

Refreshments of the most delectable
sort were partaken of at a seasonable
hour.

GAS SYSTEM

Is Adopted By the City in the Collection
of Water Rents and Cards Are
Being Mailed.

The city has adopted the plan of the
gas companies in the collection of water
rents and is using postal cards just as
they do. Office hours are from 8 o'clock
a. m. to 8 o'clock p. m., and a discount
of 50 cents is allowed, if paid at the of-
fice of the city clerk on or before the
30th of the month following the date
of the issue of the card. This ought
to prove successful in the collection of
water rents.

GAME WARDEN

Makes His Report For the Two Years
To the Governor--Shows
Much Work Done.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 30--The
following is taken from the report of
Hon. Frank Lively, State game and fish
warden, to the governor for the two
years just closed: Number of prosecu-
tions for violations of the game laws of
the state 220, of which convictions were
made in 191 cases, acquittals in 12, and
17 cases are now either pending or have
been appealed. Of these 220 prosecu-
tions 21 have been for dynamiting fish-
ing, 18 were convicted and were ac-
quitted. Of the convictions two men
have been sentenced to six months in
jail each, two for one month each, and
two for fifteen days each. The fines for
these 18 cases aggregate between \$700
and \$800.

The total fines imposed for the two
years covered by the report amount to
\$2,967.60, of which more than \$3,100
have been collected. Fines amounting
to \$200 imposed upon persons for
shooting rabbits out of season, in Mor-
gan county were remitted, leaving only
\$800 imposed upon persons from whom
it was impossible to collect a fine.

BREWERIES COMBINING

Final Papers Being Prepared For Mer-
ging All the Breweries in
Columbus, Ohio.

By Associated Press.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30--The final
papers are being prepared today for
combining the Columbus breweries into
one company to be called the Hoster-
Columbus Association of Brewers,
with C. J. Hoster, president; C. C. Born,
vice president, and C. E. Born, treasurer.

GILLESPIE ON STAND

Retels Story of His Movements and De-
nies All Knowledge of Murder
of His Sister.

By Associated Press.
RISING SUN, Ind., Dec. 30--James
Gillespie took the witness stand today
and related the story of his movements
on the night his sister was shot, repeat-
ing in effect the testimony given at his
former trial and denying all knowledge
of the crime.

MARRIED

Mr. Laubenstein Is Said To Be and Bride
Will Join Him Here in
a Few Days.

Edward Laubenstein, civil engineer
for the Clarksborg Fuel Company, with
offices here, returned last night from
Shamokin, Pa., where, it is stated, he
was married a few days ago to a most
charming young lady, such as he cer-
tainly deserves, but he came home alone.
It is stated that he will prepare a cozy
little home within the next few days
and his bride will then join him here.
His many friends here are showering
congratulations upon him in huge
bunches.

FITZHUGH WRITTEN UP

Shinnston Pays Has Some Good Things
To Say About New Assessor.

The newly-appointed assessor for this
county, Allen D. Fitzhugh, of Bridge-
port, is given the following mention by
the Shinnston News:

The appointment of Allen D. Fitzhugh
of Bridgeport, as county assistant tax
commissioner puts an end to the sus-
pense under which the public has been
laboring the past several weeks as to
the name of the man who is to ascertain
the "true and actual value" of the land
and other realty of Harrison county, un-
der the new assessment laws. Mr.
Fitzhugh is perhaps better known to
the local readers of this paper than to
its editor, and the News can add to no
detract from the reputation of his fit-
ness for the position to which he has
been appointed.

In connection with the office of tax
commissioner it is a very frequent ex-
pression that he has a "big job on his
hands." This is true only with refer-
ence to the size of the man, not the job.
A man of sound judgment, of experience
and of a determined honesty that can-
not be swayed by any influence what-
ever will find it no prodigious task to
fix upon the real property of any county
its "true and actual value"; that is to
say, at the price for which such prop-
erty would sell if voluntarily offered for
sale by the owner thereof, upon such
terms as such property is usually sold.

A man of poor judgment, of no expe-
rience and without positive honor would
find it a "big job" to perform any public
service in which the interests of all the
people were equally at stake with those
of vast combinations of wealth.

Mr. Fitzhugh is a Republican, ap-
pointed by a Republican commissioner
and with the advice and consent of a
Republican administration. It has been
charged against his party that the price
of its successes at the recent election
was the promise of immunity from tax-
ation to certain great industrial cor-
porations doing business and wielding great
political influence in this state. He can
best serve his party and most admirably
serve the state by exacting from the
Standard Oil Company and the Fairmont
Coal Company and every other giant
corporation the same standard of true-
and-actual-value assessment that he levies
on the paltry chattels of the num-
berless citizens of the county.

A man's chief delight should be to
best serve the state.

The News believes that Allen Fitzhugh
will do it.

The Grain Market.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30--Wheat, 114;
corn, 44; oats, 29.

MURDERER FIGHTS

Officers So Hard and Screamed So Loudly
That Judge Ordered Him
Taken Back to Cell.

By Associated Press.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30--James
O'Neil, who killed his wife and wound-
ed his son Christmas morning fought
the officers and screamed so when
brought in for arraignment today that
the judge ordered him taken back to
his cell.

NEW WITNESS FOR NAN

Georgia Judge Writes Nan Patterson's
Counsel That Myers Saw Caesar
Young Shoot Himself.

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 30--Nan Patter-
son's counsel has a letter from Judge
Twigg, of Savannah, Ga., saying W. B.
Myers, a naval stores dealer at Jack-
sonville, Fla., told Twigg he saw
Caesar Young shoot himself in the cab
and knows the girl is innocent.

INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT

Was Given By Meet End Sunday School.
Unique Were Some of Features.
Program Nicely Rendered.

The clear, cold weather resulted in
bringing out the usual large attendance
at the entertainment of the West End
Methodist Sunday school, which was
held in the principal's room of the West
End public school building on Thursday
evening. This school having justly earned
a reputation for having particularly
interesting entertainments. On this oc-
casion all available space was utilized,
including the aisles, and extending out
into the front hall. The crowd was so
great there was scarcely room for those
taking part in the exercises to properly
execute their parts.

The opening prayer was offered by the
presiding elder of the Clarksborg district,
Rev. D. L. Ash, D.D., followed by recita-
tions and musical selections and then a
treat of candy and oranges was distrib-
uted to the members of the school, after
which a barrel of apples, kindly donated
by W. J. Maier, were distributed to all
present.

In addition to the general singing by
the school, there was a special number
sung by the young ladies constituting
the class of Mrs. John W. Watkins, the
school joining in the chorus; a chorus
of questions and answers divided be-
tween the female and male portions of
the school respectively; a solo by Miss
Lena Rattenbarger, a song by the school
and chorus by Mrs. Charles Ridenour.
The general singing was led by Mrs.
C. C. Ridenour, in the absence of the
chorister, Mr. J. H. Downman, who was
taken sick in the afternoon. Mr. Scott
Riley presided at the organ and Mr.
George Lockwood accompanied with the
cornet.

The opening recitation was a class
number entitled "Christmas Greetings,"
in which members of the school appear-
ed in costume to represent various coun-
tries, all paying homage to a central
figure, costumed in white, who repre-
sented "Christmas." Miss Margaret
Billingsham, Alva Stealey, Florence, Cora
and May Smith, Master Willie Smith,
Mary Swager, Edna Stealey and Annie
Wright creditably enacted the various
parts mentioned.

Well rendered individual recitations
by Cecil Stealey, Mamie Griffith and
Hazel Jackson followed.

Seven young people--Misses Edith
Gabbert, Hazel Jackson, Bessie Stealey,
Annie Gabbert, Emma Monypenny,
Leonora Smith and Joy Washburn--were
dramatized a class recitation en-
titled "The Christ Cometh," in which the
world was at first represented as sleep-
ing and then suddenly awakened by the
news of the birth of the Saviour.

Four young girls--Jean Jackson,
Mamie Griffith, Mildred Griffith and So-
sanna Stealey--recited a sweet "Little
people's" piece, "Rock-a-Bye Baby,"
which was sung and enacted by a sextet of
girls in a very taking manner. "Can
You Tell?" was the title of a cute little
piece by three equally cute little girls--
Zella Arnold, Rev. Jackson and Frances
Stealey. "The Bad Little Boys" was
the title of a warning to youngsters not
to be too inquisitive about Santa Claus
for fear of scaring him away, and was
nicely recited by Miss Susanna Stealey.
Miss Cora Smith did equal justice to
that old but much appreciated Santa
story, "The Night Before Christmas."

"What Can My Money Buy?" was ren-
dered in characteristic confident style
with illustrations, by Frank Swager,
Roland Jackson, Hazel Arnold, Thornton
Kidd, Paul Browne and Claude Bussey.

The young ladies of Mrs. Watkins
class had very efficiently utilized the
small opportunities afforded by the
space at hand in decorations, which in-
cluded the ornamentation of a very
pretty tree kindly supplied by Messrs.
J. W. Stitzer, J. W. Watkins and Harry
Stealey.

Special credit is due Mrs. Charles
Ridenour for her indefatigable efforts
in conducting the rehearsals and other
wise preparing for the occasion, as well
as the conduct of the singing at the
entertainment. The careful training
given these scholars from time to time
in singing by the chorister of the school,
Mr. J. H. Downman, has brought credit
upon the school a number of times and
makes such occasions possible. Mr.
Riley has rendered very faithful service
as organist and is deserving of a mark-
ed share of credit along with several
others, especially Mr. Harry Stealey who
has rendered the superintendent of the
school excellent aid from time to time
in many matters entrusted to his care.

Child Fatally Wm'd.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 30--Mar-
gerie Shingleton, three-year-old daugh-
ter of Sheridan Shingleton, of the First
ward, fell into an open grate at six
o'clock last night. No one was in the
room at the time. She died at noon
yesterday.

BOY DIES

As Result of Pneumonia Little Edward
Morris Is Dead--Funeral Occurs
Saturday Afternoon.

The death of Edward Morris, aged
four years and seven months, occurred
at 415 Maud street, the parents' home,
at 7:00 o'clock Thursday evening and
was the result of pneumonia. The
funeral will be held from the residence
tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock and
will be conducted by Dr. S. K. Arbuth-
not, pastor of Goff Methodist church.
Interment will be in the Odd Fellows'
cemetery. The deceased was a son of
Mr. and Mrs. James Morris and a very
bright little fellow.

MANY GUNS CAPTURED

By the Japanese at Riblung Fort, Lar-
gest and Strongest of Eastern
Fort Ridge.

By Associated Press.
FUSAN, Dec. 30--Riblung fort, cap-
tured yesterday, is the largest and
strongest of the eastern fort ridge.
Tunnels for the mine were cut through
rock. Two tons of dynamite were used.
Half of the garrison were killed by the
explosion of the first charge. The re-
maining made a stubborn resistance.
Four heavy guns, seven rapid fire guns,
two machine guns and thirty quick fir-
ing guns were captured.

LOADED

Was the Gun, But Law Did Not Know
It Until He Fatally Shot Himself.
His Remains Arrive Here.

The remains of Will Law arrived
here at four o'clock Friday morning
from Elizabethtown, Ky., and were taken
to his former home at Hacker's creek
near Jane Law and buried the afternoon
of the same day.

It appears that an accidentally killed
himself with a revolver. It was his in-
tention to have the gun cleaned and
rattle it off. The son took it out and
shot three times. Law was under the
impression there were no more loads in
it and he told the boy that would be
it. The boy returned it to him and he
fired it. As he did so the gun was dis-
charged. The bullet entered his breast, coursed
upward, struck the sternum, glanced
downward and cut an artery. In two
hours he was dead.

SHOWALTER IS KILLED

State Commander of the Maccabees Will
Address the Local Tent
This Evening.

Charles C. Showalter, of Parkersburg,
state commander of the Maccabees, will
be one of the attractions at the meet-
ing of that order here tonight in its lodge
room in the Pythian building in Glen
Elk. He will make an address. It is
expected there will be at least ten in-
itations before the meeting ends.

DEADLOCK IN PROSPECT

Neither Branch of Delaware Legislature
Organizes--Legal Questions Ex-
plained and Recess Taken.

By Associated Press.
DOVER, Del., Dec. 30--Neither
branch of the legislature organized this
morning. The attorney general explain-
ed to the members the legal questions
concerning organization and a recess
was taken.

SHERIFF-ELECT IS HERE.

Sheriff-elect John M. Flanigan was
here from Salem today advising with his
deputies and making himself familiar
with the duties of the office. He will
move here in a few days, occupying the
new sheriff's residence.

WILL COUNT THE VOTE

Colorado Supreme Court Grants Peti-
tion of Democratic Candidate To
Open the Ballot Boxes.

By Associated Press.
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30--Chief Jus-
tice Gabbert today announced that the
supreme court granted the petition of
Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for
governor, for the opening of all the bal-
lot boxes in Denver and fully investi-
gate the vote of the entire city, in
order to determine who is elected gov-
ernor.

MR. WHITE IS COMING

To Clarksborg To Locate--Is One of the
Finest Bookkeepers in the
Country.

Orrville M. White, head bookkeeper
for Rand, McNally & Co., of Pittsburg,
has resigned his position there on ac-
count of the ill-health of some of his
family and will return to his native
county. He expects to locate in Clark-
sborg in a few days. His wife, the
daughter of Burton Stout, and children
have already come and are now at the
home of his father. Mr. White gradu-
ated at the Mountain State Business
College in Parkersburg and taught book-
keeping there for two years. He then
filled a similar position at Beaver Falls
and after that went with the Pittsburg
company. So well qualified is he that his
services ought to be in ready demand
here.

SMALLPOX

Spread From a Patient At Enterprise
To His Nurse and Both Are
In Pest House.

Enterprise has another case of small-
pox. A few weeks ago it was discover-
ed that J. L. Miller had the disease and
Thomas Hawkins, who believed that he
had it last summer, acted in the capacity
of nurse for Miller. Tuesday Hawkins
broke out with it. Both are in a pest
house. Miller is improving and will be
well in a few days. The pest house is
being closely guarded to prevent a
spread of the disease.

COLLISION

Between Passenger and Freight Trains
Causes Two Deaths and Several
Are Injured.

By Associated Press.
OMAHA CITY, Neb., Dec. 30--By the
collision of a passenger and freight train
thirty miles west of here today, Frank
Curry, engineer, and Fireman Butte, of
the passenger train were killed. Several
passengers were injured but none
fatally.

Will Continue Strike.
By Associated Press.
FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 30--A ma-
jority of the union voted today to con-
tinue the strike.

HATFIELD IS KILLED

Famous Feud Leader Is Said To Have
Been Killed By Train in a
Tunnel.

By Associated Press.
BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Dec. 30--Elias
Hatfield, of feud fame, is reported killed
by a train while walking through a tun-
nel.

ACCEPTING NEW JAIL

Is the County Court in Special Session,
Tests Proving Satisfactory
to the Court.

At the special session of the county
court here Friday President Samuel S.
Paris and Commissioner Jefferson D.
Bassett attended. Commissioner John
Minter was detained at home on account
of sickness.

The court spent the day with the ar-
chitect and contractors inspecting the
new jail and sheriff's residence and test-
ing the heating and water apparatus.
The entire day was almost consumed at
this and the court did not go back in
session until after three o'clock in the
afternoon.

At the close of the day everything
was such that the acceptance was prac-
tically complete, although a few tests
are yet to be made, which will doubt-
less prove satisfactory. The term ended
at a late hour.

BAIL FOR NAN

Is Offered To the Amount of Fifty
Thousand Dollars By May Irwin,
An Actress.

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 30--May Irwin, an
actress, has offered to furnish bail up
to fifty thousand dollars for Nan Pat-
erson. The district attorney has no
statement to make on this offer.

Will Watch For New Year.

"Watch night" services will be ob-
served at the Trinity Methodist church
colored. A good program has been pre-
pared for Saturday night.

DESERTED CHILD ADOPTED

BY A KIND FAMILY IN THIS
CITY WHOSE NAME IS KEPT
SECRET.

IS THE SAME BABY THAT WAS
FOUND ON A DOORSTEP AT PARK-
ERSBURG ONE NIGHT.

Child Will Never Know Its Own Mother
But Foster Parents Are Far Better
Than Those Who So Cruelly Aban-
doned It.

One night during the present cold
spell a baby was found on a doorstep at
Parkersburg, deserted by its parents.
The little one was taken to police head-
quarters and efforts were made to lo-
cate the cruel parents but without avail.
Parkersburg and other papers had full
accounts of the affair and many Clark-
sborg people's sympathies were aroused,
and one family in particular took more
than passing notice. They concluded
they would like to have a child in their
home and they arranged to adopt the
baby. It is now in Clarksborg, the
Wood county authorities having consented
for it to be brought here and given a
home.

The foster parents will not consent
to the use of their names in connection
with the incident as they do not desire
to go to the trouble and expense of rais-
ing and educating the child only to have
it claimed by the mother. It is prob-
able the latter will never know what
became of the child and the little one
will never know who its real mother is.

ENTERTAINED DELIGHTFULLY

Were a Score of Guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Ben Levy, at Their Pleasant
Home on Lee Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levy entertained
at progressive euchre Thursday night at
their pleasant home at 328 Lee street.
About twenty friends were their guests
during the evening. The first prize was
won by Mrs. Joseph Cohen and the
second by Mr. Will Adler. Lunch
was served in a charming manner by
the pleasant hostess and greatly en-
joyed. The spread was one of elegance and
the table was handsomely decorated.
The event was pleasant and all present
pent a most delightful evening.

TO PAR'S MASON GOES

Consul General at Berlin Is Transferred
To France and Indiana Man
Succeeds Him.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30--Frank
F. Mason, who is now Consul General
at Berlin, will succeed John K. Gowdy,
consul general at Paris. John Lewis
Smith, of Indianapolis, will succeed
Mr. Mason at Berlin.

RETENTION DECIDED ON

President Will Retain Tower at Berlin
and McCormick at St. Petersburg in
the Next Administration.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30--It
was decided by the President to
retain Ambassador Tower at Berlin and
McCormick at St. Petersburg, in the
new administration.

Burned By Lamp Explosion.

A lamp exploded in the hands of Mrs.
Freeman, wife of Michael Freeman, mis-
sionary at Solon, near Shinnston, burning
her fearfully about the head and should-
ers. Her daughter, who was nearby at
the time, was also badly burned. The
explosion set fire to the house and dam-
aged it to the amount of several hun-
dred dollars before it was extinguished.
Most of Mr. Freeman's household goods
were destroyed by the fire and water.
The company hose was used to fight
the fire.

"The Strollers" Arrive.

"The Strollers" company arrived here
this morning from St. Marys, where
they played last night and are making
ready for the show at the Grand tonight,
which promises to be very entertaining.